DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

INFORMATIVE NOTE

Date 2-13-64

Lonnie Hudkins, the reporter who wrote article in Houston "Post" entitled "Oswald Rumored as Informant for U.S.," has advised us his story based on information he received from Dallas Assistant District Attorney William Alexander. Dallas teletype 1-25-64 reported interview of Alexander at which time he stated he told Hudkins he did not know anything about Oswald being an informant. Alexander also told us that during his meeting with the President's Commission 1-24-64 he told Commission representatives that on 1-21-64 following conclusion of bond hearing for Jack Ruby, he overheard a number of reporters discussing possibility Oswald was counterspy for FBI, CIA, or some Government agency. He added he remembered hearing some reporter make statement Oswald on Government payroll at $200 a month and heard payroll number 179 or voucher 179 mentioned. Alexander claimed he did not know names of these reporters. In view of Hudkins' claim on 2-8-64 that his story was based upon information received from Alexander, we instructed Dallas to immediately contact Alexander and pin him down on his allegations and determine identity of his sources. Attached teletype sets forth results of such interview. LETTER TO RANKIN BEING PREPARED.

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